

Annex B

Specific Comments

Paragraph I.A., page 3:

Your staff recommends that, the first complete paragraph on page 3, commencing, "In the Middle East," be rewritten as follows: "Irresponsible nationalism is the current major threat to free world interests. United States capabilities for effective psychological action have declined, though some slow progress is reported in certain sections of the Moslem World."

In subparagraph 1, of the last paragraph on page 3, your staff feels that Western Europe should not be singled out. The statement that the US label has damaging effects is possibly even more applicable to areas such as the Middle East. Accordingly, it is recommended that the words, "particularly, but not solely Western Europe," be deleted.

Paragraph I.B., Page 3:

The first sentence is so worded that it might misrepresent what appears to be the real picture. The following is suggested as a substitute:

"The Soviet grip in the Communist-dominated areas of Europe and of the Far East appeared to be even firmer at the end of the fiscal year 1952 than at the beginning."

The following is suggested as a rewrite of the first sentence of the last complete paragraph on page 5:

"In the overt propaganda field behind the Iron Curtain, the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe appear to be the only significant remaining programs which effectively reach the peoples of either or both the USSR and the satellites."

Annex B - Summary of the Report of the Department of Defense

With respect to the section on page 5 dealing with Department of Defense comments on "Deficiencies in the National Psychological Program," your staff takes exception to subparagraphs (1) and (2) of the last paragraph on page 5 on the following grounds:

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(1) In view of the "hate America" and the biological warfare campaigns, the less said about this subject at this time, the better.

However, propaganda material should now be prepared as a contingency measure which could effectively be released at such time as the President or other properly constituted Government authority deems advisable.

(2) The frequent "flexing of our atomic muscles" has tended to worry a good many of our friends. Your staff considers that further headline publicity about our atomic prowess would be following a very questionable line of policy. (Total Soviet silence about its own atomic capabilities has kept many people guessing.)

The most that seems to be required at this time is an occasional guarded but reassuring statement to the effect that the US national interest, with respect to atomic weapons, is being effectively safeguarded.

Annex D - Summary of the Report of the Central Intelligence Agency

Paragraph 2, page 1:

Your staff recommends that the first paragraph under "Europe" be revised as follows:

"In France and Italy, CIA reports that Soviet power and influence apparently is being contained. Increased and most effective covert psychological operations in Western Europe may account for the increasingly violent and indiscriminate nature of the Soviet and indigenous Communist propaganda barrage against the anti-Communist organizations in that area."

Paragraph 2, page 4:

Your staff recommends that the following sentence be inserted at the end of the paragraph on "Korea":

"These are expected to result in some modification of CIA's responsibilities to ensure that CIA does not commit itself to actions which are beyond its present or anticipated capabilities."

Annex E - Planning Activities of the PSC

Page 1, final paragraph:

Your staff questions the validity of the statement that the "Piney Government is . . . stable." The following rewrite of the last

sentence on page 1 is

sentence on page 1 is recommended:

"Unlike its predecessors, the Pinay Government has demonstrated far more courage and affirmative leadership, and, on its own initiative, has been moving vigorously against the Communists within the last two months. However, this is no guarantee of stability."